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10 For: Manually Releasable Clip Holder

SECOND AMENDMENT

AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 116

15 **Mail Stop: NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

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20 **Dear Sir:**

By way of review, an Office Action mailed 10/06/05 required an Election of Species. A response was mailed on 10/25/05 with the required election. An Office Action on the merits was mailed on

25 A First Office Action was mailed to the client on 01/12/06

Applicant's First Response to the First Office Action was mailed to the PTO on 04/11/06.

30 A Second Office Action on the Merits and a Final Rejection was mailed to the client on 07/06/06

This Second Amendment is in response to the Second Office Action of 07/06/06. The rejection in the second Office Action indicated that the remaining claims in the case
35 might be allowed with minor changes so the Examiner was contacted by phone on

07/11/06 and on 07/12/06 for the purpose of discussing how the pending independent claims in the subject application could be amended to avoid US 6,233,788 to Choi which was received with the Second Office Action.

- 5 The words added by this Second Amendment to the independent claims, as they now are amended by the First Amendment, are intended to distinguish “applicant’s “flap bottom edge” shown in applicants Fig. 1 et al as (31b) from the far end of the flap shown as reference 23 in Fig. 1 of the “788” reference.
- 10 The Examiner has confirmed that in the claims, that claim 2 is canceled and is not “objected to” as shown on the PTOL 326 mailed with the Office Action of 07/06/06

Please amend the Specification as follows:

- 15 Please change “figure” to ---Figure---
at the following locations in the specification:
Page 4, line 19
Page 9, line 13 and
Page 12, line 4

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Please amend the claims as follows:

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